

R E M A R K S

By this Preliminary Amendment, multiple dependencies have been removed from the claims to place the application in proper U.S. form.

Further, the claims amendments as presented herein are from the form of the claims as originally filed in the parent PCT (except that the claims have not been renumbered as occurred in the PCT application). Thus, the claims as amended herein are in the exact form as indicated in the IPER to fulfill the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability requirements for patentability (except that multiple dependencies have been removed and the claims have not been renumbered). Thus, approved claims 1-33 in the PCT application correspond to claims 1-38 herein as follows:

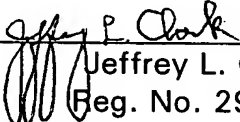
<u>CLAIMS NOS. AS CONSIDERED</u> <u>(AND APPROVED) IN IPER</u>	<u>CORRESPONDING CLAIM NOS.</u> <u>HEREIN</u>
1-2	1-2
X	3 (canceled)
3-4	4-5
X	6-7 (canceled)
5-33	8-36
X	37-38 (canceled)

Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, PHILLIPS, KATZ,
CLARK & MORTIMER

By _____
Jeffrey L. Clark
Reg. No. 29,141

July 7, 2006

500 West Madison Street
Suite 3800
Chicago, IL 60661
(312) 876-1800